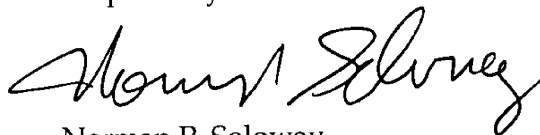


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MARKED VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES MADE:

6. (Amended) The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to [any of Claims 1 to 5] Claim 1 wherein the element X is admixed at its atom % concentration, d (at%), ranging within $0 \leq d \text{ (at\%)} \leq 20$, the atomic radius of which is larger than that of Cr but smaller than that of Ti.

8. (Amended) The hydrogen storage metal alloy according to [any of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1 wherein the element T is admixed at its atom % concentration, e (at%), ranging within $0 \leq e \text{ (at\%)} \leq 10$ and includes at least one or more members selected from the group consisting of Nb, Ta, Mn, Fe, Al, B, C, Co, Cu, Ga, Ge, Ln (a variety of lanthanoid metals), N, Ni, P, and Si.

11. (Amended) The process of Claim 9 [or 10] wherein the predetermined time range at the aforementioned heat treatment is from 1 minutes to 100 hours.

12. (Amended) The process according to [any of Claims 9 to 11] Claim 9 wherein the element ratios are those described in [any of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1 regarding the hydrogen storage metal alloy products.